

# Montana State Library Talking Books

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## Learning Objectives

- Attendees learn about TB
- Attendees know how to certify someone for services
- Attendees gain ideas to help promote TB in their communities

# Montana State Library Talking Books

Free service for Montana residents who are unable to use standard print materials due to visual, physical, and/or reading disabilities



# Eligibility

*Blindness*

*Low Vision*

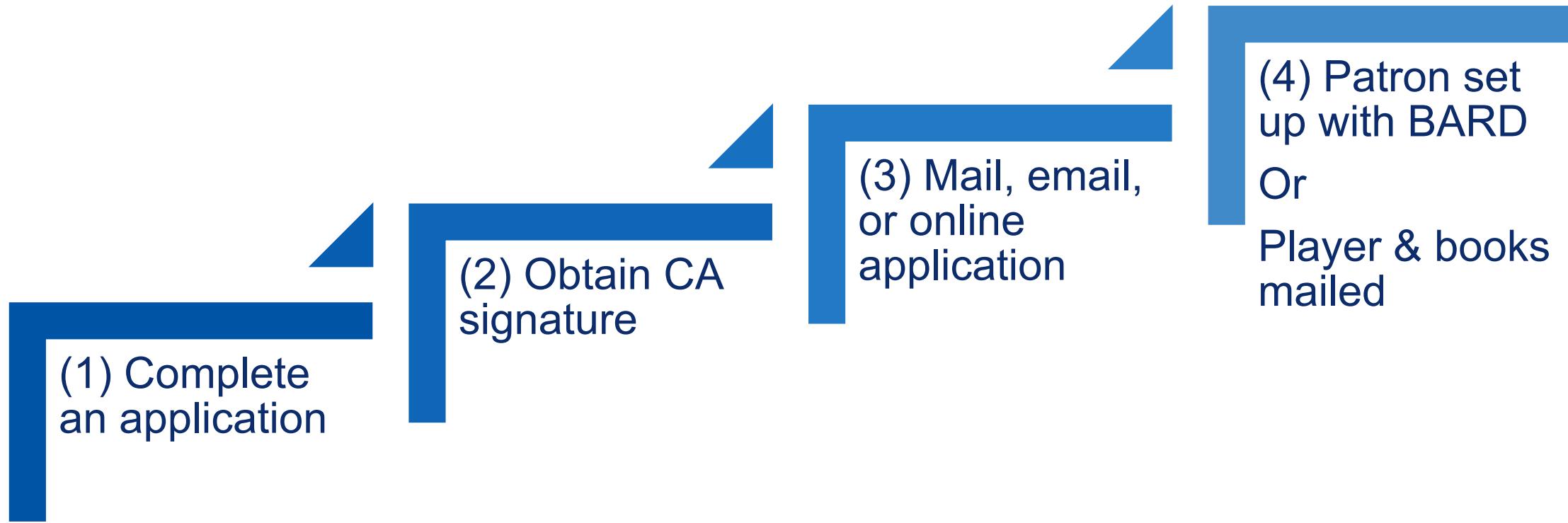
*Physical  
Disability*

*Reading  
Disability*

# Certifying Authority (CA)

- Eligibility must be certified by one of the following:
  - doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, ophthalmologist, optometrist, psychologist, registered nurse, therapist, or professional staff of hospitals, institutions
  - staff of public or welfare agencies (such as an educator, social worker, case worker, counselor, rehabilitation teacher, certified reading specialist, school psychologist, superintendent, or **librarian**)

# Signing up with Montana Talking Books



# Delivery of Materials

- Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD)



- Books through USPS



# Public Library Accounts



- Librarians can certify applications for patrons
- Player demo
- Bard demo
- Patrons can use library for access

# Equipment



# More Equipment



# A Few More Things



# MT Spotlight: MTB in Action

Alissa Wolenetz

Lewistown Public Library

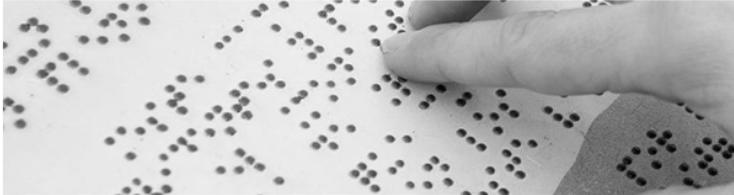


# Additional Resources

 MONTANA  
STATE LIBRARY  
A GREATER STATE OF KNOWLEDGE

ABOUT THE LIBRARY ▾ DIGITAL LIBRARY ▾ SERVICES TO LIBRARIES ▾ TALKING BOOKS

## Montana Talking Books



Montana State Library Talking Books is a cooperative effort between the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, the Montana State Library, and the Utah State Library to provide Montanans who cannot read standard print with talking books and Braille service.

[msl.mt.gov/tbl](http://msl.mt.gov/tbl)

# MSL Evaluation Survey



<https://forms.office.com/g/ffUuzbA8gn>

Thank you!

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